

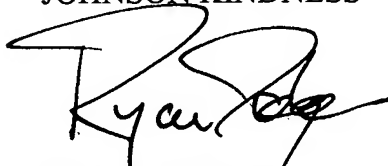
## REMARKS

The applicants request minor corrections to the allowed claims prior to issuance, as indicated above. The Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned directly if there are any questions or comments. The proposed amendments do not change the scope of the claims and merely correct minor drafting errors. The proposed amendments are believed to be necessary to remove ambiguity in the claims and to more clearly satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and are therefore needed for proper disclosure and protection of the invention, as indicated in M.P.E.P. 714.16. The minor amendments are believed to require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office as they do not change the scope of any claim and would therefore not require any additional searching by the examiner.

The undersigned only recently discovered the errors during a final review of the file prior to payment of the issue fee. The undersigned regrets these errors and respectfully petitions to correct the errors prior to issuance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned directly if there are any remaining questions or issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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